

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: BICHON et al

Serial No. 08/910,152

Filed: August 13, 1997

GAS OR AIR FILLED POLYMERIC MICROBALLOONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Atty Dkt.: 1201-83

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Date: November 7, 2000

Group: 1616

Examiner: Hollinden

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): BICHON et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year/Filed
90810367.4	EP	18 May 1990

☐ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or

☒ already filed on May 3, 1991 in prior appln. no. 07/695,343 filed May 3, 1991

☐ already filed in _____ filed _____

- ☒ The prior application is assigned to Bracco International B.V..
- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Arthur R. Crawford et al, Reg. No. 25,327 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: This is a division of application Serial No. 8/910,152, filed August 13, 1997, now U.S. patent 6,200,978 which is a division of Serial No. 08/288,550 filed August 10, 1994, now U.S. 5,711,933, which is a division of Serial No. 08/033,435 filed March 18, 1993, abandoned, which is a division of Serial No. 07/695,343 filed May 3, 1991, abandoned-- the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: election w/o traverse
Claims 3-31.

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims	34 - 20 (at least 20) = 14	x \$ 18.00	\$ 252.00
Independent claims	1 - 3 (at least 3) = 0	x \$ 80.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 270.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 1232.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		-(0.00)
		SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$ 1232.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)			\$ 0.00
		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$ 1,232.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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